

## The Nursery Scoop

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### A Message from our President, Dale Tuttle...



It's hard to believe that August is here and the New York State Fair is only three weeks away, which means the end of summer is coming soon.

July's meeting was our annual Clam Bake held at the Spinning Wheel on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our programs chairperson, **Dave Iannuzzi**, for all his efforts with phone calls, and personal visits, to promote the clambake. Again this year we targeted not only our membership, but other industry businesses to use this event to bring people together in a social, friendly environment. There are a number of other thank you's that I need to recognize that helped make this day such a success.

- **Linda Bennett**- Linda does so much behind the scenes to support us on everything we do. We would truly be lost without her.
- **The Spinning Wheel and Staff**- They did another great job with providing all in attendance enough food that no one went away hungry.
- Everyone who attended- A special thanks to Member **Todd Schanbacher of Greenscapes**, and Industry friend **George Fleischman of Fleischman Landscaping**, who each brought 10 or more people to the Clambake. As well as **Mike & Sue Frank**; Mike is the current president of the NYSNLA, and his wife Sue is the president of PLANTWNY. Thank you for making the trip from Buffalo.

- Thank you to **Leo LaCroix** from **Belgard Hardscapes** for sponsoring the Corn Hole Tournament. Leo was kind enough to provide the prizes for the top three teams. And **Dave McIntyre** from **Rinox** who offered to sponsor the Miniature Golf Tournament. Unfortunately we were unable to get enough people to pre register so we did not have the Miniature Golf Tournament.
- To everyone who supported our 50/50 drawing where over \$400.00 in tickets was sold. Thank you to **Dana Kuhlmann** for his efforts in selling the 50/50 tickets. **\$211.00** to be used for **“Toys for Ted”** to purchase toys in the name of our late member Ted Florczyk. More information on **“Toys for Ted”** listed below.
- To all Members and Attendees that so graciously donated items to the silent auction, and to the members and attendees that so generously bid and purchased these items where **\$760.00** was raised for our Scholarship Program.

Speaking of the Scholarship, Congratulations to **Nathan Miller** who was the recipient of the annual **Bob Case Scholarship**. Nathan is a student at Morrisville College, and is currently employed and is doing his internship with past member and long time industry friend **John Stewart of Chittenango Landscape**. Please see Nathan's heartfelt thank you below. Congratulations Nathan. Thank you again to all who attended and supported PLANTCNY.

In the past our August meeting has been held at the Court of Honor at the New York State Fairgrounds; we've always used the meeting to do the Courtyard Cleanup. This year Long time member **Gasparini Landscaping** asked to host a meeting, which will be held on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** at their business location. Please see their member spotlight below, and please RSVP. With the actual meeting being moved, we set two separate cleanup dates for the Court of Honor. Our first was done on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank You to **Beth Fry of Greenscapes, Dannielle Carr of EDR, Fernando Araya of Fine Gardening, Paul Gualtieri of Landscapes East, Bill Lentz of Skyworks and myself**, who volunteered to prune, weed and remove debris. Our second clean-up day will be **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please see information and needs below. Although this is a NYSNLA Event and Booth at the New York State Fair, Region IV PLANTCNY has always been the Region that has been expected to do the clean-up, set up of the NYSNLA Booth, and managing the schedule for coverage of the booth. This courtyard hosts the annual NYSNLA Awards ceremony where The CNLP of the Year, Inductee into the Hall of Fame, and the George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture are presented. This year PLANTCNY will be planting a Weeping White Pine as a memorial tree to long time industry friend **Brian Skinner** who was the ISA Chairperson for their New York State Fair Booth for 35 years. Their booth is right next to the NYSNLA, and Brian was always willing work with anyone staffing the NYSNLA booth. This memorial tree planting is one of many that have been done in memory of Brian. **Please join us on August 21st at 10:30 for the 2019 ceremony.**

Please also Save the Date of **September 19, 2019** for our annual **Golf Outing** that will be held at Wood Crest Golf. PLANTCNY has only three sources of generating revenue to keep the association running; they are Membership Dues, The Education Day & Trade Show, and the Golf Outing. So please help support us with the following:

- Golfers/ Foursomes
- Sponsorships
- Volunteers

Attached are the fliers on registering a foursome, and sponsorship information.

We kicked off the **2019 “Toys for Ted” Campaign** at the clambake where the \$211.00 proceeds from the PLANTCNY portion of the 50/50 will go towards the fund to be donated to the Marines at the December Luncheon. We are looking to build on the success of last year's campaign. Please see notes below.

In closing, we have five months left in 2019 and we desperately need to be able to add members to our Executive Board. We are operating with three Board Members where we should have six. So please get involved, and if you don't feel you are ready for the Executive Board, we need help on the Education Day and Trade Show Committee, of which we will be having our first meeting within the next couple weeks.

Thank you,

**Dale**

Dale Tuttle, President



### **The PLANTCNY August Meeting!**

**Meeting Host: Gasparini Landscaping**

**Date: Thursday, August 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. --**  
5072 Smoral Road, Camillus, NY

**Please be courteous and RSVP if you are planning on attending the meeting!!**

*To RSVP, please contact Scott Gasparini at 315-488-4261, or by email to  
info@gasparinilandscaping.com.*

### **Member Spotlight on ... Gasparini Landscaping**

**Gasparini Landscaping** was founded in 1979 by Gary Gasparini, Lifetime Senior NYSCNLP. This year we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the green industry and are eager to see what the next 40 years has in store for us. While over the past 40 years many things have changed, our commitment to providing our clients with the highest level of craftsmanship and customer satisfaction has not.

The company is owned and operated by the father/son duo, Gary and Scott Gasparini. Behind them is a team of over 35 employees, which we are proud to say we have 5 certified nursery and landscape professionals on staff. Many of our team members have been with the company for 10, 15, and 20 years plus. Our company has become one of the most recognized landscape design and build firms in New York because of our team of professionals.

The company is made up of three divisions that operate side by side with each other on many projects. While we are known for our Landscape design and build projects, in the recent years our fence and remodeling divisions have been making a statement across Central New York with the same level of craftsmanship and customer satisfaction that our clients have come to expect.

The majority of our work consists of designing and building beautiful backyard entertainment areas that include swimming pools, pool houses, outdoor kitchens and fire features. Our construction and remodeling division have the abilities to transform your old kitchen or bath into the space you have always dreamed of. Our construction division also offers such services like decks, pergolas, pool houses and general handy man services. Our fence division offers a full line of residential and commercial vinyl, ornamental, wood, chain link, and automatic gate access fence options. From a simple project to a complex backyard entertaining oasis, our team of professionals can handle any project from start to finish.

We would like to welcome everyone to our facility on **Thursday, August 8th** for the monthly meeting. Come take a walk through our beautiful displays and see what we have been up to for the past 40 years.



### **The CNYSNLA Scholarship Program**

The first of our two 2019 Scholarships was given out at the annual Clambake on July 11th. Our next award, the Peter Gasparini Scholarship, will be given out at the Holiday Luncheon in December. You can obtain a **Scholarship Application** for the **Peter Gasparini Scholarship Award** by visiting our website at [www.plantcny.com](http://www.plantcny.com). If you have any questions, please contact Julie Liebmann, Scholarship Chair, at 492-1100, or [rockinghorse1257@aol.com](mailto:rockinghorse1257@aol.com).



### **A Very Special Thank You from our Scholarship Winner, Nathan Miller...**

Dear Dale and the PLANTCNY Scholarship Committee,

I would like the opportunity to thank everyone on the board at PLANTCNY. This scholarship really means so much to me and to my education. I would also like to thank Aida Khalil, my advisor at SUNY Morrisville, who has been a great inspiration to me and great teacher. I would like to thank my boss, John Stewart of Chittenango Landscape who has been the best mentor and a really great friend. Of course I thank my parents, who are always supportive in all I do. And lastly I thank God, who has given me the chance to work with the beauty of His creation, and because without Him none of this would be possible.

I am currently a full-time student attending SUNY Morrisville in the Horticulture department, majoring in Landscape design and Management. I am also currently employed by Chittenango Landscape where I am always learning something different and new every day, not only about Landscaping, but also about business, integrity, and professionalism.

My future plans are to complete my education and possibly pursue an advanced degree in Landscape Architecture. I also plan to start a landscape design and build company of my own within the next several years.

Again, thanks to all on the board at PLANTCNY and everyone who has made this possible, and for the work you do to promote professionalism in the Landscape industry. I won't let you down.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Nate Miller



## The PLANTCNY Golf Outing ... SAVE THE DATE! Reservation Form is attached with this Scoop!

Date: Thursday, September 19th  
Time: 10:00 a.m. Check-In; 11:00 a.m. – Shotgun Start  
Place: Woodcrest Golf Club  
6200 Old Cheese Factory Road, Manlius, NY 13104  
*NOTE: No outside beer or alcohol is allowed on the course!*

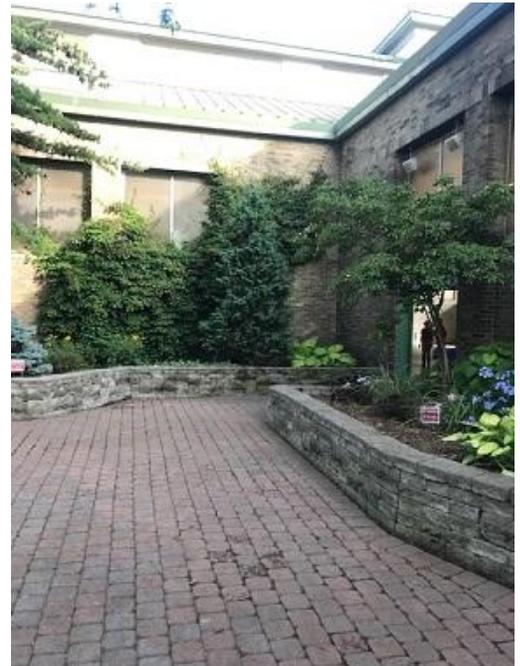
Cost: \$320.00 per foursome (\$80.00 individual)  
(\$5.00 skins per person included)  
MEAL AT THE TURN is included in the golf fee.  
STEAK COOKOUT will follow the tournament.



### “HELP WANTED” For the NYSNLA Court of Honor Clean up at the New York State Fair



For the past 15 years, the annual PLANTCNY August meeting has been held at the NYSNLA Court of Honor at the NYS Fairgrounds, we have used that time as a clean-up and flower planting day. Volunteers & donations have come primarily from PLANTCNY to get the NYSNLA Court of Honor ready for the awards ceremony the first day of the fair, which this year will be Wednesday, August 21st. This year, due to additional PLANTCNY members and supporters wanting to host a monthly meeting, the August meeting will be held at long-time member and supporter Gasparini Landscaping. We have completed the initial cleanup (see photos) and we have one more date, as follows:



Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-? Our goal for this day is to do a quick weeding, plant flowers, and mulch all the beds.

We are looking for the following donations:

- 1.) Volunteers
- 2.) Flowers showing color- can be Perennials, Annuals, and even woody plants
- 3.) Tools

Anyone interested in helping, please contact either Dale at [dtuttle@apinallstree.com](mailto:dtuttle@apinallstree.com) or Beth at [fry\\_beth@hotmail.com](mailto:fry_beth@hotmail.com).



## ***“Toys for Ted”***



Sadly, on May 16, 2018 we lost a Long-Time Industry Friend, Supporter, & Member, **Ted Florczyk**, owner of Ted’s Landscaping. For decades Ted had graciously donated toys to our annual “Toys for Tots” at our December Holiday Luncheon, and always wanted his donations to be kept anonymous. In memory of Ted, this year's Toy Collection will be called ***“Toys for Ted.”*** All collected toys will be donated to the Toys for Tots, an organization the CNYSNLA/PLANTCNY has been involved in for the past 25 years.

2019 will be our second year of the ***“Toys for Ted”*** campaign. We kicked this off at the Clambake where the Association proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle, along with the registration fees for the Corn Hole Tournament will be used to purchase toys for the ***“Toys for Ted”*** Memorial to Ted Florczyk. Last year PLANTCNY raised \$1,000.00, as well as set up 18 PLANTCNY Members & Supporters as drop off location for toys, in addition to collecting toys at the annual Holiday Luncheon that filled the Marines' truck. We are looking to build on the success of last year’s inaugural campaign. Anyone interested in being involved by being a drop off location or helping in any other way are asked to contact Dale Tuttle.



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**The following are our neighboring regions' events ... always open to our members!**

**REGION 5:**

**Golf Tournament & Picnic:** Sept, 6, 2019 / Webster Golf Club, 440 Salt Rd, Webster, NY  
**General Membership Meeting:** Nov. 7, 2019 / JC Smith, Inc. 965 Buffalo Rd, Rochester, NY  
**Holiday Party:** December 5, 2019 / Location TBD

**REGION 6: 2019 - 2020 Calendar (find more details at [plantwny.com](http://plantwny.com))**

**Golf Outing:** September 9th, Buffalo Tournament Club, 12:30 - 5 pm  
**Membership Meeting** - Wednesday, October 16, 5 pm tour; 6 pm membership meeting;  
Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center, Depew, NY  
**Harvest Dinner:** November 15th, Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, Buffalo, NY, 6:00 pm

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**2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 5:30 P.M. (UNLESS SPECIFIED)**

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| January 10   | SiteOne Landscape Supply                         |
| February     | NO MEETING                                       |
| March 14     | Skyworks LLC                                     |
| April 11     | Green Scapes Inc.                                |
| May 2        | Northern Nurseries (one week earlier than usual) |
| June         | NO MEETING                                       |
| July 11      | Clambake at Spinning Wheel                       |
| August 8     | Gasparini Landscaping                            |
| September 12 | J.C. Smith Inc.                                  |
| October 10   | Rocking Horse Farms                              |
| November 14  | Techo Bloc                                       |
| December 12  | HOLIDAY LUNCHEON                                 |

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 5:30 P.M. (UNLESS SPECIFIED)**

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| January 9 | Milton CAT                                       |
| February  | NO MEETING                                       |
| March     | OPEN   |
| April     | OPEN   |
| May       | Northern Nurseries (one week earlier than usual) |
| June      | NO MEETING                                       |
| July      | Clambake at Spinning Wheel                       |
| August    | OPEN   |
| September | OPEN   |
| October   | OPEN   |
| November  | OPEN   |
| December  | HOLIDAY LUNCHEON                                 |